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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. --- The Portals TW-B204 Washington, DC 20554

Re:

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America Online, Inc. and Time Warner Inc. Notice of Ex Parte Presentation

Applications of America Online, Inc. and Time Warner Inc.

for Transfers of Control, CS Docket No. 00-30

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of America Online, Inc. ("AOL") and Time Warner Inc. ("Time Warner"), submitted herewith pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules are an original and one copy of this notice regarding a permitted oral *ex parte* presentation in the above-referenced proceeding. On October 5, 2000, representatives of AOL and Time Warner had a telephone conference with members of the Commission's staff to respond to questions regarding technical matters relating to the parties' memorandum of understanding and commitment to provide consumers with a choice of Internet service providers ("ISPs") over Time Warner cable systems.

Participating on behalf of AOL were William Raduchel, Chief Technology Officer; Mario Vecchi, Vice President, Technology Development; George Vradenburg, III, Senior Vice President, Global and Strategic Policy; Steven N. Teplitz, Vice President, Telecommunications Policy; and Peter D. Ross of Wiley, Rein & Fielding. Participating on behalf of Time Warner were Glenn Britt, President, Time Warner Cable; Michael Adams, Vice President and Principal Network Architect of Time Warner Cable; Marc Apfelbaum, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Time Warner Cable; and Catherine R. Nolan, Time Warner Vice President, Law and Public Policy.

Participating on behalf of the Commission were Dale Hatfield, Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology ("OET"), David J. Farber, FCC Chief Technologist, OET; and Douglas Sicker, OET.

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The parties reviewed technical and practical issues involved in providing multiple ISPs to consumers over Time Warner cable systems, including network engineering and management issues (e.g., routers and IP address management issues), provisioning, billing and accounting, customer care and ISP management. The parties explained how they are working systematically and effectively in their Columbus trial to develop necessary—and commercially scalable—solutions to these technical and practical issues, as detailed more fully in Time Warner's written ex parte submission filed in this proceeding on August 28, 2000.

As the parties described, they are already drawing helpful lessons from the initial phase of the Columbus trial. For example, by working through manual provisioning issues, the trial is providing a model to guide their development of software necessary to enable automated provisioning of multiple ISP services—as will be tested in the next phase of the trial. The parties also explained how efforts by industry standards organizations and various providers of necessary hardware are helping to make possible a clear and expeditious migration path from the current single ISP cable model to multiple ISP offerings.

Kindly direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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